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Ex parte MURALEEDHARAN G. NAIR, HAIBO WANG, GALE M. STRASBURG, ALDEN M. BOOREN and JAMES I. GRAY

Appeal No. 2006-1037 Application No. 09/761,143

ORDER RETURNING REMAND TO THE EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 28, 2006. On March 30, 2006, there was a panel remand. On May 31, 2006, the examiner mailed a supplemental examiner's answer in response to the remand without a Group Director's signature. See MPEP 1207.05.

However, it is further noted that appellants have two months to respond to this action. Since the supplemental examiner's answer was mailed on May 31, 2006, appellants have until July 31, 2006 to respond.

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Accordingly, this application is remanded to the examiner:

1) to obtain a Group Director's signature; and 2) for such
further action as may be appropriate.

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